



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

### RECOGNIZING APRIL 10-13, 2020 AS “NAVAJO NATION FAMILY PRAYER WEEKEND” TO CALL ON GOD FOR WISDOM, STRENGTH, PROTECTION, HEALING, AND RESTORATION

**FOR THE NAVAJO NATION** the past several weeks has been heartbreaking as we experience the spread of the coronavirus disease across our communities and we recognize:

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the Commission on Emergency Management declared a Public Health State of Emergency for the Navajo Nation due to the confirmation of the coronavirus disease surrounding the Navajo Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 we issued an Executive Order establishing the Health Command Operations Center, issuing travel restrictions for Navajo Nation employees, closing government offices and sending non-essential employees home, and supporting the closure of schools on the Navajo Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Nation learned of two (2) confirmed cases of the coronavirus disease and over the past 23 days, the number has risen to 488 cases and 20 deaths due to the coronavirus disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Department of Public Health issued several Public Health Emergency Orders for Navajo People to stay home, a nightly curfew, and an extended curfew for 57-hours from April 10 to April 13 to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the religious faith of the Navajo People is strong and guided us through many adversities as a Nation and as individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, we come together this Easter Weekend to give thanks for blessings and to call on God for He is all powerful, all knowing, never-changing, ever-present, full of loving-kindness, merciful and full of grace toward all who call on his name; and

**WHEREAS**, during this critical time, as we face the coronavirus disease, we encourage families to pray together on this designated weekend for family members, neighbors, health care workers, governing officials, and those who are sick, and those families who have lost loved ones, and we cry out to God for comfort, guidance, harmony, spiritual health, resiliency, and strength; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the adversities and sacrifices our people make serving their families and their Nation; those who are researching the COVID-19 coronavirus, the law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, the military, and all who dedicate their service for our safety; and


**WHEREAS**, on this NAVAJO NATION FAMILY PRAYER WEEKEND, let each of us call upon God for His guidance and express our gratitude for the love and grace He bestows on us and the Navajo Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, **I, PHEFELIA NEZ**, First Lady of the Navajo Nation, and **I, DOTTIE LIZER**, Second Lady of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim April 10-13, 2020, as “Navajo Nation Family Prayer Weekend” to offer prayers for our Navajo People as we fight the coronavirus disease. “We shout Restore!”

**PROCLAIMED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2020**



Jonathan Nez, *President*  
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Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
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Phefelia Nez, *First Lady*  
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Dottie Lizer, *Second Lady*  
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